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One of Vermont's officials, W. H. Jeffrey, is going to be a busy man if he gathers up the strings of Vermont's probationary system.

Berlin semi-officially denies it will pay a cent for any American captives. That statement comports more nearly with the financial condition of Germany.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago has seen a new light; he calls upon the people of his city to "stand behind the army and the navy." That is all right, only Mayor Thompson ought to have said that some months ago.

By the time the colder weather arrives, the army recruits from all walks of life, indoors and outdoors, will have become somewhat inured to the outdoor life of the soldier. Nevertheless they are going to need that heating apparatus in their barracks.

Those women who worked so assiduously on the comfort kits for the soldiers must have been well repaid by the expressions of appreciation which have been well repaid by the expressions of appreciation which have been coming back to them from the soldiers who have gone to the training camps. The testimony of the men is that the kits are proving very valuable aids in camp life.

Sweden's greatest apprehension over the international embroilment which it brought upon itself is the fear of commercial difficulties with the United States which might shut off the flow of food-stuffs and other necessary materials. In fact, that is at present the greatest fear of all neutral nations, in view of the shortage of the production in their own countries. The attitude of the United States in relation to Sweden, as well as to all neutral nations, should be a distinct warning that the rules of neutrality must be strictly adhered to as long as those countries are nominally neutral. When Sweden or any other country breaks over its crust of neutrality, then will it be time enough for them to engage in such unneutral acts as transmitting German code messages in dispatches directed to their home office, only to be switched off to the government at Berlin. Such an act is a real violation of neutrality.

The members of the Japanese mission, on the occasion of their visit to the national cantonment at Ayer, Mass., recently could not have been greatly affected by the size of the collection of men gathered there for the purpose of training to become soldiers because only a relatively small percentage of the New England and northern Vermont quota had arrived at that time. However, they must have been impressed by the significance of the system which was represented by the men in a country of 100,000,000 people; they must have realized the vast potential strength of the United States under a system of such a nature as a federal conscription law. The United States could within a few years pass from a nation of peaceful inclinations to that of militarist propensities, but it never will do so. Yet it will rise to defend itself and to uphold civilization and humanity throughout the world. Such impressions must have been felt by the members of the Japanese mission as they inspected the preparations made at Ayer for the accommodation of the thousands of men called from this section of the country.

Occasional definite statements concerning the sinking of German submarines are allowed to percolate through the British cable censorship in order to keep the world convinced that the German under-sea menace is being coped with fairly successfully, although it is not by any means put down. It seems probable that the German output of submarines is not doing much more than to keep pace with the destruction of those vessels by the combined efforts of the entente allies, if it is, indeed, doing as well as that. For several weeks the weekly destruction of shipping of the British nation has been at the minimum record, while at the same time there have been fewer losses of American merchant vessels reported. Were the output of submarines making such rapid progress as German reports would have us believe there would be at least an average destruction of ships inasmuch as the shipping on the high seas has not taken any marked slump since the unrestricted warfare on it was inaugurated last February. There is reason to corroborate the assertion of the British that the submarine campaign is failing, even if it has not already failed of its purpose.

The Deerfield Valley Times, published at Wilmington, which has not been making its usual weekly appearance for a month or more because of the departure of the former editor, is to resume publication shortly, it is understood, following the purchase of the plant by George C. Dixon, the publisher of the Londonderry Sifter and a former editor of the Wilmington paper. The plant was out of

at auction this week and Mr. Dixon was the highest bidder in a field of three. The Wilmington paper has had a changeable career during recent years, while various editors and publishers tried out their chances with it. For some time the people of that town and vicinity have not apparently given the paper the support that a journal in a small country town absolutely needs for its existence. For what reason the support was withheld is not known to us, but it is to be hoped that with the change in publishers and owners the paper will be received more cordially. In fact, Wilmington and vicinity ought to welcome the resumption of publication with marked enthusiasm, for to be without a local newspaper is a handicap indeed for a town of 1,500 population.

A HIGHWAY THAT SHOULD BE IMPROVED.

Another summer season should not be allowed to pass without a start having been made to construct a suitable highway from Northfield southward through the Roxbury, Granville and Braintree valley to Randolph. At the present time the highway is merely a country road, so narrow for miles at a stretch that two automobiles or a team and an automobile cannot pass without being compelled to run high up on the banks or deep down in the depressions beside the road. Moreover, the road curves so sharply and the underbrush is so thick that there is positive danger to road traffic of any kind, the more so in recent years because of the rapidly increasing number of motor vehicles. A great many accidents are narrowly averted, and even though drivers use care there are frequent spills and tip-overs as the teams and automobiles endeavor to negotiate the serpentine trail even in broad daylight. It represents a terribly backward state of affairs that such a beautiful region should not be opened up to tourist traffic, to say nothing of making a reasonable artery of traffic between two populous towns like Northfield and Randolph. The Roxbury, Granville and Braintree valley is really one of the most attractive spots in all Vermont, the road winding its way between low hills, tree-clad and extremely pleasing to the eye. Were that valley located in New Hampshire, Maine or Massachusetts it would not remain for long in the comparatively unattended condition in which Vermont allows it to continue. Failure to open it up properly is neglect. The state of Vermont and the towns lying along the valley should not permit neglect to rest her heavy hand on the region for another 12 months.

WORCESTER

Rev. E. C. Clark went to Northfield yesterday to attend the conference and banquet. He spoke on "The Puritan's Portion."

Susie Abbott returned from Morrisville Sunday.

Arthur Utton has moved his family from Barre into one of Mr. Vail's tenements.

Roy E. Cane of Saranac, N. Y., is visiting his uncle, Charles Cane, for a few days. Mr. Cane has been called to the colors and goes to Ayer, Mass., to Camp Devens to-day.

Miss Chamberlin from Montpelier is visiting at C. M. Maxham's.

Mrs. Frank Gonyeau carried her mother, Mrs. Williams, home to Hardwick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Utton were in Morrisville the last of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Jennings from Montpelier were in town last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dodge from Lyndonville are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dodge.

A wedding was held at the parsonage Tuesday evening, when Miss Hazel Norton of Middlesex and William Norton of East Montpelier were married by Rev. E. C. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Norton have bought the Samuel Black place and will make their home there.

The demonstration of the children's gardens was held Friday, and in the evening the canning demonstration occurred. Those receiving prizes were: On beads, Mary Pedro 1st, Mrs. More 2d, string beans, Arbel Richardson 1st, Madeline Saby 2d; apples, Ina Dodge 1st, Jessie Bolton 2d; field strawberries (cooked), Ina Dodge 1st, Mrs. Doty 2d; cultivated strawberries, Ethel Turner 1st, Mrs. Maxham 2d; crushed strawberries, Mrs. Sheldon 1st; strawberries with pineapple, Mrs. Maxham 1st; Spanish pickles, Mrs. Peterson 1st; gherkins, Ina Dodge 1st, Mrs. Moore 2d; greens, Mona Clark 1st, Myrtle Witham 2d; green grapes, Mrs. Cane 1st; summer squash, Myrtle Witham 1st; jelly, Mrs. Maxham 1st, Mrs. Sheldon 2d; canned beef, Mrs. Mark Ladd 1st; canned pork, Mrs. Maxham 1st; flowers, Mrs. Ed. Kellogg 1st, Lillian Taylor 2d; red raspberries, Mrs. Maxham 1st, Mrs. Mark Ladd 2d; blackberry jam, Bessie Gray 1st, Mrs. Peterson 2d; beans, Madeline Saby 1st, Annabel Richardson 2d; peas, Mrs. Peterson 1st, Mrs. George Hathaway 2d; dried corn, Myrtle Witham 1st, Mrs. Doty 2d; peaches, Mrs. George Hathaway 1st; pears, Mrs. George Hathaway 1st; rhubarb, Mrs. Maxham 1st, Mildred Chandler 2d; potatoes, Robert Bruce 1st, Mahlon Witham 2d; beets, Eric Peterson 1st, Law Hersey 2d; turnips, Mahlon Witham 1st, Eric Peterson 2d; corn, Edwin Fisher 1st, Law Hersey 2d; cucumbers, Donald Maxham 1st, Flower Hodgdon 2d; cabbage, Eric Peterson 1st, Donald Maxham 2d; pumpkin, Earl King 1st, Bertha Witham 2d; squash, Ernest Brown 1st, Robert Bruce 2d; carrots, Blanche Tracy 1st, Law Hersey 2d; beans, Beth Bolton 1st, Bertie and Blanche Tracy 2d; tomatoes, Donald Maxham 1st; plum tomatoes, Myrtle Witham 1st; current tomatoes, Mahlon Williams 1st; corn on stalk, Edwin Fisher 1st, Homer Fisher 2d; onions, Earl Brown 1st; banana squash, Hiram Witham 1st. The judges for the children's gardens in the afternoon were Supt. W. R. Lance of Plainfield and Rev. E. C. Clark of this town, and in the evening on the canning exhibit were Mrs. W. R. Lance of Plainfield, Miss Bowers of Montpelier high school, and Mrs. E. C. Clark of this town.

Half of Rutland's population was called to bid goodbye to the drafted soldiers of the county.

MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM

"To have a lively and not a stolid countenance."—Truth of Intercourse.

"The day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood for the principle that gave her birth and happiness and the peace that she has treasured."—President Wilson.

Alone and Unarmed?
Richard Cobb motored to Boston Saturday. He had for a body guard Frank Prescott, who protected him as far as Lowell. The rest of the way he had to look out for himself.—Newbury item.

What has become of the old-fashioned coal dealer who used to feel the need of newspaper advertising?

The Clubby Six.
Misses Sarah Ely, Audell Ordway, Irene Robinson, George Grover, Joseph Horwell and Paul White were operated upon last week for throat and nose troubles. Dr. Gorham of Bellows Falls was assisted by Dr. Buxton.—Proctorsville item.

If a neater piece of verac carpentry has been turned out this month than the following by John Jerome Rooney in the New York Times The Colyum would like to reprint it.

Processional.
Now thou has entered on the worldwide ways
Not with halt step or unerecited head.
But with a youthful giant's mighty tread—
Careless of blame, too proud for idle praise.
Lo! at thy coming what a strange amazement
Seized the hoar nations! How the ancient dead—
They who the myriad ships and armies led—
Turned to thy face a dumb, unanswered gaze.
Forward thou leaped, as if full armed of Jove,
Seeming to be a thing of wondrous birth.
A marvel of the geni's magic tale;
Yet we, who know how our rough fathers strove,
How, in their sweat, they smote the stubborn earth,
Knew thee the offspring of a great travail!

II.
O beautiful my country! tho' thy feet
May tread strange paths, 'neath many an alien sun,
When thy last task, thy latest dream is done,
Come back, come back, in triumph or defeat,
Back thro' the calm, or 'whelming billows beat,
To where thy truest glories have been won.
To where thy youth of valor was begun
And life was sweet, by Freedom rendered sweet.
Not all the kingdoms of the utmost climes
Nor all the treasures of the fairsies' rod
Can to thy stature add a single span;
Be thou a herald of the immortal times,
Bearing the banner of the all-just God.
Whereon are writ the inviolate rights of man!

Green Mountain Echoes.

Our first frost has come and haying not finished.—Corinth item.

I forbid any persons harboring or employing Emory Dunn under penalty of the law. E. S. Dodge, guardian.—Ludlow item.

Rev. Simpson preached as usual Sabbath at 3 p. m. He is preaching a series of sermons he has carefully prepared and should be helpful if people would but listen.—East Ryegate item.

Mrs. Frank Hayward would thank the person who took the glass vase from their lot in the cemetery for the purpose of holding cut flowers to please return it from where they took it.—West Derby item.

Otto Coolidge missed a hen for two years, and found her under a box. She was as light as feathers could be, but it still on the job. Mr. Coolidge thinks this solves the problem of tiding hens over a dull period.—Landgrove item.

Mr. Chamberlain when driving here was more careful to do so (blow his horn before a bend) than most drivers, but often people with a light carriage are endangered on their way to church by a string of fast driven autos going both ways at once.

Rip Van Winkle slept for years and years; his hair grew long and his whiskers grew longer; he outgrew his clothes and while he slept the world outgrew him. Eventually, however, Rip woke up, took a look and started something. About 75 per cent of the members of the White River Junction Board of Trade are right now in Rip Van Winkle's class.

White River Junction item.

Doings Doleful and Otherwise in The Green Mountain Valley.

(From the Bennington Banner)
Martin Elwell has an auto.
William Young has an auto.
Potatoes are rotting all through this locality.

Farmers are somewhat discouraged with their crops.
The fruit crop will be very scarce.
Some have no apples.

Farmers are selling their potatoes for \$1 per bushel.
Frank Becker is drawing ferns to Bennington.

Milo Stratton is improved, able to go outside some days.
Charles Cranston and Arthur Green say they can make \$5 a day picking ferns.

We feel and to see our fine, intelligent young men have to take part in killing their brothers.

"England's Sun Was Slowly Sinking."—
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We were guests of a couple of friends the other evening and they took us over to Morrisville to the movies. The pictures were fine, but there was something we heard and saw that made me think that the curfew had ought to be rung in all our towns. We overheard a couple of young men say, "Look at that bunch from Hyde Park." There were three or four girls from our town with as many fellows. The boys were chewing gum, swaggering about and talking loud, trying to act the tough. Those girls' moth-

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ers are to blame. Better ring the curfew quick.

No. 122 in Orange county's selected list is Leon E. Going and we see by the papers that he has gone.

A rookie of 1898 advises that he tried nascent moustache culture at Chickamauga, walked a mile to stick in at the camp looking glass and then walked another mile to the camp barber shop.

Dear Mabel:
In our backyard pen there fattens a

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